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## <u>RESPONSE</u>

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2009.

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 7-12 for prosecution at this time.

## Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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